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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified prior application be amended as follows:

In the Specification:

A marked up version of the replacement paragraph below has been included in Appendix A of this Preliminary Amendment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please delete paragraph [0017] on page 4 and replace it with the following paragraph:

[0017] To support local area wireless communications, handheld computer 100 may include wireless connectivity software integrated into the operating system or stored in memory of handheld computer 100 or further added via an expansion card or transferred from another computer or computer system. Further, to effectuate local area communications, handheld computer 100 may include an RF transceiver 124, or other electromagnetic reception and transmission device. RF transceiver 124 may be

provided on handheld computer 100 as part of an expansion card or may alternatively be integrated into handheld computer 100. Referring to FIG. 4, handheld computer 100 may alternatively transmit and receive local area wireless communications via an infrared port. Expansion card 124, including an RF transceiver, may be installed in handheld computer 100 via an expansion slot used to house expansion cards such as, but not limited to, secured digital (SD) cards. One such expansion card 124 may be disposed in an expansion card slot in handheld computer 100. An installed expansion card 124 may be used for local area wireless communications. RF transceiver 124 may be a Bluetooth transceiver and IEEE 802.11 transceiver, or any of a variety of other RF, VHF, UHF, ultrasonic, or other wireless transceiver devices.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendment be made prior to examination of the present application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment is being made to correct an inadvertent errors in the specification, with regard to the description of FIG. 4. The amendment being made does not remove substantive matter from the specification, nor does it introduce new matter into the specification. The amendment is being made for reasons of clarity.

After amending the claim as set forth above, claims 1-29 are now pending in this application.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

The following is a marked up version of the replacement paragraph indicated in the Preliminary Amendment and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Applicants have used the convention underline to indicate added text and {brackets} to indicate deleted text.

[0017] To support local area wireless communications, handheld computer 100 may include wireless connectivity software integrated into the operating system or stored in memory of handheld computer 100 or further added via an expansion card or transferred from another computer or computer system. Further, to effectuate local area communications, handheld computer 100 may include an RF transceiver 124, or other electromagnetic reception and transmission device. RF transceiver 124 may be provided on handheld computer 100 as part of an expansion card or may alternatively be integrated into handheld computer 100. Referring to FIG. 4, handheld computer 100 may alternatively transmit and receive local area wireless communications via an infrared port {120}. Expansion card 124, including an RF transceiver, may be installed in handheld computer 100 via an expansion slot {122} used to house expansion cards such as, but not limited to, secured digital (SD) cards. One such expansion card 124 may be disposed in an expansion card slot in handheld computer 100. An installed expansion card 124 may be used for local area wireless communications. RF transceiver 124 may be a Bluetooth transceiver and IEEE 802.11 transceiver, or any of a variety of other RF, VHF, UHF, ultrasonic, or other wireless transceiver devices.